



Nevada GEAR UP Program – Year Three

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UNR REPC ABSTRACT

The higher education portion of Gear Up consists of two distinct components, UCCSN institutional hosting of Gear Up students and evaluation of the entire project. Campus visits will be held at least twice during the 2003-2004 school year at each of the seven UCCSN institutions, Universities of Nevada, Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada State College, Great Basin College, Community College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada Community College. It is anticipated that the 9th graders will visit the UCCSN campuses that offer academic programs that correspond to the students' career interests. On each campus, students will focus on the academic requirements to enter a particular field as well as meet students and faculty associated with the department/program. Faculty, staff and students from each campus will provide leadership in these career explorations. Students and their parents will work with student services offices, and receive academic and leadership training to build a sense that they are an identifiable GEAR UP community. Information on the array of scholarships available to students will be a key parental component.

The second higher education responsibility is the evaluation of GEAR UP. Two approaches, quantitative and qualitative, are being used to provide richness. Quantitative data is collected to reflect the GEAR UP goals. The longitudinal study investigates through the words of the students their life experiences, particularly as related to the goals of the GEAR UP Program. Parents and school personnel will provide added context for greater understanding of the students' experiences.